

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2006. Claims 1-69 and 77 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1, 7, 9, 26, 43, 58, and 77 have been amended. Support for the amendments is found at least at paragraphs [0018] and [0033]-[0037]. Claims 1-69 and 77 remain for the Examiner's consideration. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

DRAWINGS

The Drawings are objected to because they include reference characters not mentioned in the description. The specification has been amended above to include the reference characters. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-9, 13-26, 30-43, 47-58 and 62-77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,415,659 to Lee et al. (hereinafter '659).

Independent Claims 1, 7, 9, 26, 43, 58 and 77 have been amended. As such these independent claims now recite that the beam extends beyond the base and the hooks or flange used to mount the base (consider for example, Claims 9, 26 and 58 which recite "... wherein the beam extends beyond the body, wherein the beam extends beyond the hook"). The '659 patent does not disclose that "the beam extends beyond the body, wherein the beam extends beyond the hook". As such '659 does not disclose all claim limitations of these independent claims.

Claims 2-6, 8, 13-25, 30-42, 47-57 and 62-69 all directly or indirectly depend from independent claims 1, 7, 9, 26, 43 and 58, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims 1, 7, 9, 26, 43 and 58, and because of the additional limitations of these claims.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the 102(b) rejections.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10-12, 27-29, 44-46 and 59-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,415,659 to Lee et al. (hereinafter '659).

Claims 10-12, 27-29, 44-46 and 59-61 all directly or indirectly depend from independent claims 1, 7, 9, 26, 43 and 58, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims 1, 7, 9, 26, 43 and 58 and because of the additional limitations of these claims.;

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the 103(a) rejections.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that all outstanding rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

No fee is believed due in connection with this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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